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1. CHINA

SCHLESINGER LEFT PEKING 9/29 FOR HOME AT END OF PRC VISIT, NCNA REPORTED (REUTER HK). HELD NEARLY THREE HOURS DISCUSSIONS WITH HUA TUES; LATER SAID HE FOUND PREMIER "VERY IMPRESSIVE," THAT "WHOLE RANGE OF GLOBAL MATTERS" DISCUSSED (REUTER SUN, NYT). AT BANQUET FOR CHINESE HOSTS, SCHLESINGER SAID "WE DO NOT AGREE" WITH PRC VIEW THAT WAR INEVITABLE -- DECLARED CAN BE AVOIDED BY THOROUGH/EFFECTIVE DETERRENCE, MAINTAINING STRENGTH; CONCLUDED US/PRC INTERESTS PARALLEL IN IMPORTANT INTL SPHERES (REUTER PEKING 9/28).

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PEKING SOURCES SAID TUES THAT IN MEETING WITH SCHLESINGER, YEH CHIEN-YING AND GEN YANG CHENG-WUN ADVISED US MUST NOT RELAX VIGILANCE AGAINST SOVIET MIL EXPANSION; PRESENTED "VERY STRONG VIEWS" ON DANGER OF LETTING SOVIET GAIN MIL

SUPERIORITY OVER US (UPI, CHITRIB).

CHINESE OFFICIAL WHO LIVES NEAR MAO'S BIRTHPLACE HAS TOLD FOREIGNERS VISITING CHANGSHA THAT CHAIRMAN'S REMAINS WILL BE PRESERVED FOR POSTERITY, BUT DID NOT SAY WHERE THEY WOULD BE ENSHRINED. TRAVELLERS ALSO INFORMED THAT SINCE MAO'S DEATH, NUMBER OF VISITORS TO HIS BIRTHPLACE IN SHAOSHAN VILLAGE HAS SOARED FROM 2,000 TO 20,000 DAILY (REUTER PEKING).

NCNA SAID TUES THAT PRC ECONOMY THRIVING; ATTRIBUTED THIS TO MAO'S POLICIES AND TO IMPETUS PROVIDED BY ANTI-RIGHTIST CAMPAIGN (REUTER HK 9/28).

IN FIRSTREPORT ON COAL PRODUCTION SINCE EARTHQUAKE HIT TANGSHAN, PEKING DECLARES NATIONAL OUTPUT UP 4.27 PCT FOR FIRST EIGHT MONTHS THIS YEAR, AS AGAINST SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR; IN FIRST SIX MONTHS THIS YEAR, OUTPUT HAD RISEN 6 PCT, WHILE 1975 HAD SEEN 11 PCT INCREASE OVER 1974, REPORT SAID (WP).

NCNA REPORTS PRC HAS PUT NEW ROMANIZED SCRIPTS INTO USE OFFICIALLY FOR FIRST TIME (UPI, CHITRIB).

2. INDOCHINA

JAPANESE NEWSMAN DESCRIBES HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON) AS BUSTLING WITH VEHICLES, CENTER BLACK MARKET OFFERING HIGH RATES FOR US DOL. JOURNALIST TRAVELED FROM HANOI THRU QUANG TRI, HUE, DANANG, QUI NHON AND BIEN HOA; SAYS AREA SOUTH DANANG HAS FREE-ENTERPRISE ECON SYSTEM, CP PLANS 15-20 YRS FOR ECON REUNIFICATION. ADDS SAIGON ADMIN PLANS REDUCE CITY'S POPULATION BY MILLION BY SENDING TO UNDER-DEVELOPED PARTS COUNTRY (REUTER, PHINQ).

AMB GODLEY CALLED FROM RETIREMENT WILL BE NOMINATED AMB TO UNCLASSIFIED

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ETHIOPIA, SUCCEEDING EA'S HUMMEL (NYT; KAISER, WP).

3. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

W GERMAN WHO BROUGHT 200 VIET ORPHANS TO DENMARK SENTENCED TO 10 DAYS IN JAIL FOR RESISTING OFFICIAL ATTEMPTS SEPARATE HIM FROM CHILDREN (REUTER, NYT).

4. PHILIPPINES

GOVT ORDERS "NO HOLDS BARRED" MIL INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES ARMED FORCES' MEMBERS TORTURE PRISONERS WHO CLAIMED TORTURE WIDESPREAD IN PHIL JAILS/PRISON CAMPS (WSTAR 9/28; AP, NYT).

5. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

AUSSIE O'SEAS TRADE MINISTER SAYS GOA IS MEMBER ALL INTL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS NOW IN OPERATION, WILL PROBABLY JOIN ALL FUTURE SUCH AGREEMENTS. STAND AGAINST FREE WORLD COMMODITIES MKT ADOPTED DESPITE PRESSURE KNOWN TO BE APPLIED BY WASHINGTON/MAJOR US BUSINESS INTERESTS (STOVE, JOC).

AUCKLAND DOCKERS STRIKE FOR 4 DAYS TO PROTEST VISIT BY US NUKE-POWERED SHIP, LONG BEACH, DUE 10/1 (RUETER AUCKLAND).

7. KOREA

NYT CARRIES 9/28 SEOUL REPORT KIM CHI HA HAS REQUESTED NEW PANEL OF JUDGES ON GROUNDS NOT RECEIVING FAIR HEARING -- KIM MAINTAINS PRESIDING JUDGE REJECTING MOST EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES FAVORABLE TO HIM.

ROK ANTICIPATES BUMPER RICE CROP OF SOME 5.1 MILLION TONS THIS FALL, INCREASE OF 21.8 PERCENT OVER AVERAGE ANNUAL CROP -- INCREASE ATTRIBUTED TO GREATER PRODUCTIVITY (UPI, SEOUL).

WSTAR (9/28) AND CHI TRIB REPEAT EARLIER STORY ABOUT FORMER UNIFICATION CHURCH MEMBER CHRIS ELKINS' CHARGES ON HILL RE CHURCH'S LOBBYING, PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND PLANNED 9/74 "EGGING" OF JAPANESE EMBASSY/AMBASSADOR HERE. PAPERS POINT OUT ALLEGED ACTIVITIES COULD COST CHURCH TAX-EXEMPT STATUS. WSTAR NOTES HIRC STAFFER SAYS IF LOBBYING DONE AT DIRECTION FOREIGN POWER SUCH AS ROK, "MOONIES" WOULD BE REQUIRED REGISTER AS FOREIGN AGENTS. REV. MOON'S UNIFICATION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, TARRYTOWN, NY, CHARGED WITH PROMOTING STUDY PROGRAM FOR MASTER'S DEGREE IT CANNOT LEGALLY CONFER--NY STATE OFFICIALS SAY "COMPLETELY IMPROPER" PROMOTION COULD JEOPARDIZE PENDING REQUEST FOR BESTOWAL AUTHORITY--ALL 111 STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN TWO-YEAR PROGRAM ARE CHURCH MEMBERS ON SCHOLARSHIPS (NYT).

8. KOREA/JAPAN

JAPANESE BUSINESS LEADERS EXPECTED DECIDE WITHIN WEEK WHEN NEGOTIATING TEAM WILL BE SENT NK IN RESPONSE PYONGYANG'S INVITATION LAST WEEK DISCUSS NK'S DEFAULT-ING ON PAYMENTS, POSSIBLE 2-YR DELAY ON NEARLY 250 MIL DOLS IN OVERDUE DEBTS (CULLISON, JOC).

9. JAPAN

MIKI TELLS DIET UPPER HOUSE JAPAN-USSR HAVE AGREED BEGIN NEGOTS VIA DIPL CHANNELS ON RETURN MIG-25. DECISION PASSED TO SOV AMB POLYANSKY BY JAPANESE FONMIN OFFICIAL TACHIBANA ONLY FEW HOURS AFTER 75-MINUTE UN MTG IN NY

BETWEEN JAPANESE FONMIN KOSAKA, AND GROMYKO (REUTER TOKYO). GROMYKO CALLED FOR SPEEDY RETURN BOTH PLANE AND PILOT BELENKO. KOSAKA EXPRESSED HOPE INCIDENT WOULD NOT AFFECT BASIC JAPAN-USSR FRIENDSHIP (REUTER UN 9/28).

AT MOSCOW PRESS CONF TUES, SOV FON MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ACCUSED US/JAPAN OF ACTS "TANTAMOUNT TO SPLITTING A FAMILY BY FORCE." MRS BELENKO, PLEADING FOR HUSBAND'S RETURN, DENIED JAPANESE PRESS REPORT THAT COUPLE HAD BEEN LIVING APART (SUN 9/29).

JAPANESE EMB IN MOSCOW CONFIRMS JAPANESE FISHING BOAT UNCLASSIFIED

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HAMAYOSHI MARU W/7-MAN CREW TAKEN NAKHODKA AFTER BEING SEIZED 9/26 BY SOV PATROL VESSEL FOR ALLEGEDLY VIOLATING SOV TERRITORIAL WATERS. EARLY TUES, NK RESPONDED THRU RED CROSS TO JAPAN THAT IT HAD SEIZED NO JAPANESE FISHING BOAT (REUTER TOKYO).

CANADIAN PM TRUDEAU WILL MAKE WEEK'S VISIT TO JAPAN IN MID-OCT; EXPECTED MEET GOVT/BUSINESS LEADERS (AFP WP).

DEP PM FUKUDA, SPEAKING BEFORE DIET TUES, SAID ALTHOUGH HE WOULD WELCOME GRADUAL INCREASE YEN VALUE, GOJ WOULD NOT INTERVENE IN MONEY MARKET (UPI JOC).

BACKED BY US/JAPAN/OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES, W GERMANY LAUNCHED MAJOR DIPL INITIATIVE IN UNGA 9/28 FOR GLOBAL CONVENTION AGAINST TERRORIST HIJACKINGS (WSTAR 9/28).

JAPAN'S ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ASSN TUES REFUSED CURTAIL EXPANDING EXPORTS COLOR TV SETS INTO US MARKET; LITTLE LIKELIHOOD GOJ WOULD ADOPT RESTRICTIVE POLICIES LIMIT SHIPMENTS. MANAGING EXEC TAKAI TOLD NEWSMEN JAPANESE TV IMPORTS NOT INJURING INTEREST US TV MFRS, NOT POSING EMPLOYMENT THREAT TO US WORKERS. TAKAI ALSO SAID ASSN SHOCKED THAT US INDUSTRY-LABOR TASK FORCE WOULD SEEK LIMITS BY USG; DENIED SETS UNDERSELLING US-PRODUCED TVS (CULLISON, JOC; REUTER TOKYO). ASSN TO SEND DELEGATION TO TRADE COMMISSION HEARINGS 10/6 TO COUNTER CHARGES (CHITRIB).

BANK OF JAPAN, FIN MINISTRY ANNOUNCE COUNTRY'S OVERALL BOP REGISTERED 107 MIL DOL SURPLUS IN AUG--SMALLEST SINCE FEB THIS YR (UPI JOC).

MITSUBISHI GROUP TO BUILD 414-MIL-DOL THERMAL POWER

PLANT IN IRAQ; IRAQ WILL USE SOME OF 1 TRILLION DOL IN CREDIT PLEDGED BY JAPAN IN 1973 TO FINANCE DEAL (UPI JOC).

JAPANESE FIRMS SHOWING NEW INTEREST IN LISTING SHARES ON NYSE, WITH UP TO 5 EXPECTED ISSUE AMERICAN DEPOSITORY RECEIPTS OR CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES IN 4TH QUARTER 1976 (JOC).

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JAPAN'S AUGUST MOTOR VEHICLES EXPORTS UP 36.5 PCT FROM LAST YR; SHIPMENTS TO US ROSE 44.4 PCT (REUTER TOKYO).

FRG/NIPPON TEL AND TEL, BANKING CONSORTIUM TUES SIGNED CONTRACTS ON RAISING 40.4 MIL DOL LOAN W/BONDS TO BE TRADED ON FRANKFURT STOCK EX (JOC).

MD PORT ADMIN RECEIVED LOWEST BID IN 5 FROM JAPAN FOR MFR/INSTALLATION 6 CONTAINER CRANES AT DUNDALK MARINE TERMINAL (SUN).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. JAPAN

WILLIS (CSM) IN MOSCOW SAYS SOVIET'S IRRITABILITY OVER CRITICISM/SETBACKS GROWING MORE VISIBLE. VIEWS "SHARP-TONED PUBLIC POLICIES" DIRECTED AT WASHINGTON/TOKYO OVER MIG-25 INCIDENT AS ATTEMPT REGAIN SOME GROUND LOST IN OTHER AREAS IN RECENT MONTHS.

PHINQ NOTES US OFFICIALS HAD "QUITE A TIME" SECURING ACCESS TO MIG-25; STATES JAPANESE JUDICIARY OFFICIALS "HIGHLY UNRESPONSIVE" TO PRESSURES FROM PM, FON MINISTRY, RESULTING IN MUCH "BUREAUCRATIC WARFARE" BEFORE AMERICANS ALLOWED PARTICIPATE IN EXAMINATION.

ASAHI'S HARA (WP) IN TOKYO, WRITES ON JAPANESE GUN CONTROL. REVIEWS JAPAN'S STRICT LAWS, NOTES PARADOX THAT JAPAN'S "EXTRADORDINARILY STRINGENT" GUN CONTROLS LAID DOWN BY US MIL AFTER WWII. HARA BELIEVES THERE IS DISTINCT CORRELATION BETWEEN GUN CONTROL LAWS AND JAPAN'S LOW CRIME RATE, IN WHICH ONLY 171 OF 1.2 MILLION CRIMES COMMITTED LAST YR INVOLVED GUNS. CONCLUDES JAPANESE CANNOT COMPREHEND WHY "AMERICANS CANNOT DO FOR THEMSELVES WHAT THEY DID FOR US."

11. PHILIPPINES

ANDELMAN (NYT) LOOKS OVER HOTEL-BUILDING BOOM MANILA, WHERE 14 NEW INTL-CLASS BEING BUILT. SEES FAILURE FORESEEABLE
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FUTURE FOR 13,000 NEW ROOMS BEING BUILT DUE LOW OCCUPANCY, SHORTAGE ELEC POWER, INADEQUATE WATER PRESSURE, PROBABLY THROAT-CUTTING WITH BARGAIN-BASEMENT RATES. MENTIONS SEVERAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES, MOST WITH MARCOS FAMILY TIES, HARVESTING BONANZA DUE FRANTIC BUILDING. ATTRIBUTES SITUATION TO EVERYONE TRYING GET INTO ACT WHEN IMF/WB CHOSE MANILA AS VENUE FOR MTG.

12. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

CARTHEW (CSM) NOTES WAGE/PRICE FREEZES IMPOSED BY GONZ AS PART OF ATTACK ON INFLATION. REPORTS UNIONS DISRUPT WORK WITH 1-DAY STOPPAGES, WHILE GOVT SEEKS LEGISLATION AGAINST "ROLLING" STRIKES; GONZ ALSO SEEKS DETERMINE WHETHER "VOLUNTARY UNIONISM" WANTED BY WORKERS. LABOR FEDN OPPOSES PLAN, AUSSIE COUNCIL OF TRADE UNIONS PLEDGES BOYCOTT NZ GOODS IF VOLUNTARY UNIONISM INTRODUCED. OPINES MULDOON GOVT SHOWS NO SIGNS BACKING DOWN FROM WAGE FREEZE, DETERMINATION INTRODUCE FURTHER INDUSTRIAL MEASURES.

13. CHINA

ACCORDING TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO (PEKING), SCHLESINGER, AFTER 23-DAY PRC TOUR, IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT APPARENT WEAKNESSES IN CHINESE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES IF SOVIET WERE TO ATTACK. SAYS SEVERAL MEMBERS OF PARTY REPORT SCHLESINGER REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED CONCERN DURING/ AFTER VISITS TO REMOTE BORDER AREAS WHERE CHINESE STRESSED ROLE OF MILITIA RATHER THAN MODERNIZED ARMED FORCES IN COUNTERING ANY INVADING ARMY. SCHLESINGER GROUP REPORTEDLY FELT SOVIET TANKS/AIRCRAFT COULD RAPIDLY CONSOLIDATE HOLD OVER LARGE SLICES CHINESE TERRITORY IF THEY HAD DEAL WITH SORT OF FORCES/WEAPONS VIEWED DURING TOUR.

MUNRO SAYS SCHLESINGER PARTY SAW PRC FORCES USING WEAPONS WHOSE SHELLS WOULD SIMPLY BOUNCE OFF LATEST SOVIET TANKS; OTHER UNITS WERE ENGAGED IN ANTI-AIRCRAFT PRACTICE SHOOTING AT BALLOONS PULLED BY PLANES AT ALTITUDE FAR BELOW WHERE SOVIET PLANES WOULD FLY. WHILE SOME MEMBERS OF GROUP SUSPECTED CHINESE NOT SHOWING THEIR BEST WEAPONS, US VISITORS GENERALLY WERE SHOWN FAIR REFLECTION OF WHAT CHINESE WOULD LARGELY DEPEND ON IN EVENT SOVIET INVASION.

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MUNRO SAYS SCHLESINGER APPARENTLY DID NOT SPECIFICALLY RAISE POSSIBILITY US GIVING CHINESE MIL AID. WHEN SCHLESINGER GAVE YEH SPECIFIC CRITICISM OF CHINESE DEFENSES, DEFMIN REPORTEDLY RESPONDED BY SAYING HE APPRECIATED REMARKS (WP). ARTICLE HAS NCNA-VIA-AP PHOTO OF PEKING TANK UNIT REPORTEDLY MOURNING MAO "WITH PRACTICAL ACTIONS"

TO GUARD COUNTRY.

14. NIXON MEMOIRS

NYT'S MITGANG SAYS AMONG ITEMS IN SECRET OUTLINE OF FORMER PRES' 164-PAGE MANUSCRIPT ARE COVERAGE OF VN WAR IN GREAT DETAIL, BEGINNING WITH 1969 AND SECRET BOMBING CAMBODIA, AND ENDING IN 1973 WITH SECRET DISCUSSIONS ABOUT SUCH CONTROVERSIAL MATTERS AS: AGNEW SPEECH ATTACKING NEWS

MEDIA; MYLAI MASSACRE; CONGRESSIONAL ATTEMPTS TO CUT OFF WAR FUNDING OR SET WITHDRAWAL DATE; IMPACT OF NVN PROPAGANDA ON US OPINION; IMPACT OF HAK'S "PEACE IS AT HAND" NEWS CONFERENCE; AND DECISION TO BREAK OFF NEGOTS, BEGIN CHRISTMAS BOMBING IN 1972.

ACCORDING MITGANG, MEMOIRS WILL ALSO TRACE DEVELOPMENT NIXON'S "LONG AND CLOSE RELATIONSHIP" WITH ASIAN/EUROPEAN HEADS OF STATE; WILL TELL OF NOTE TO HAK WITHIN WEEK OF 1/69 INAUGURATION IN WHICH NIXON SUGGESTED "OPENING OF RELATIONS" WITH PEKING. KISSINGER

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